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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
TO CDC ATLANTA IMMEDIATE  
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AMCONSUL IBADAN  
AMEMBASSY FREETOWN  
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CDC FOR ROBINSON/SENCER FROM NOONAN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SWEL, NI  
SUBJECT: OUTBREAK SUSPECTED LASSA FEVER

1. ON 9 FEB. DR. EGON SAUERWALD, A GERMAN PHYSICIAN AT  
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO HOSPITAL, ONITSHA, EAST CENTRAL STATE,  
NIGERIA, HAD ONSET OF SYMPTOMS CHARACTERISTIC OF LASSA FEVER.  
SAUERWALD'S CONDITION GRADUALLY WORSENERD UNTIL 20 FEB. WHEN  
TRACHEOSTOMY WAS PERFORMED AND PATIENT SUBSEQUENTLY  
EXPIRED. BODY WAS TAKEN TO U. OF NIGERIA TEACHING HOSPITAL  
ENUGU WITHOUT PRECAUTION,  
AUTOPSY PERFORMED THERE - NO PRECAUTIONS. BODY SHIPPED IN  
SEALED CONTAINER TO: #8 NEUER TRASSWEG, 506 BENSBERG REFRATH,  
GERMANY. SAUERWALD HAD SEEN 10 YEAR OLD BOY WITH FOU ABOUT  
TEN DAYS PRIOR TO ILLNESS.SAUERWALD'S PREGNANT WIFE HAS TRAVELLED  
TO ABOVE ADDRESS. GERMAN MIN. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HEALTH  
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DEPT. HAS BEEN ADVISED.

2. DR. B. MANDRELLA CARED FOR SAUERWALD AND PERFORMED TRACHEOSTOMY 20 FEB. DEVELOPED SYMPTOMS 27 FEB. HOSPITALIZED ENUGU 4 MARCH ON PEN WARD, STOOL AND URINE PRECAUTIONS. TRANSFERRED TO IBADAN AND ISOLATED AT OKE-OFFA CATHOLIC HOSPITAL. CONDITION IMPROVING AFTER ADMINISTRATION OF 500 ML LASSA IMMUNE PLASMA 9 MARCH. PT. TO BE TRANSFERRED TO TROPICAL INSTITUTE, HAMBURG, GERMANY TODAY.

3. VALERIE TOMS, CANADIAN, SLEPT IN BED OF DECEASED AFTER HIS DEATH 20 FEB. DEVELOPED FEVER AND BLOODY STOOLS 2 MARCH. RESPONDED TO TETRACYCLINE & FLAGYL 6 MARCH. LASSA FEVER UNLIKELY. UNDER OBSERVATION AT UCH IBADAN.

4. IBADAN CONTACTS BEING OBSERVED. NO NEW CASES REPORTED FROM ONITSHA, ENUGU, NOR IBADAN.  
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